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Spokane Troopers Ready for Viaduct Project

The Washington State Patrol is ready for the construction project to begin on Interstate 90 over downtown Spokane. All available troopers will be working Monday May 15th to help motorists with the transition into the new construction zone.

The WSP would encourage drivers to use alternate routes when traveling into the downtown area. These alternate routes can be found on the web at www.downtownfreewayfix.net. Motorists can also obtain brochures at any WSP or WSDOT office, city hall and various downtown businesses. Drivers can get traffic information on the radio at 530 AM near the construction zone downtown.

The WSP along with local law enforcement, fire officials and the Washington Department of Transportation have plans in place for emergencies that occur in the construction zone. The WSP is in the process of reprogramming local trooper's radios to ensure proper communication between responding agencies.

The speed limit in the construction zone will be 45 mph. Driver will see an increased WSP presence in and around the downtown construction zone. Troopers will be strictly enforcing the speed limits and looking for other collision causing violations such as following too close, not signaling or making improper lane changes.

Motorist should plan for delays through the construction zone. Drivers should add extra time to their commute into Spokane.

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